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To Whom it Concerns,

On behalf of the Town of Waynesville, we would like to sincerely thank the TDA Council for the opportunity and support provided through this grant. The funding has been an invaluable resource in allowing the Town to develop a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation System Plan that will help guide our community's parks and recreation priorities and investments over the next ten to fifteen years.

The Town of Waynesville originally applied for this grant in 2025 based on an estimated project cost of \$205,050, with a requested TDA grant amount of \$102,525 and a Town match of \$102,525. In May 2025, the TDA graciously awarded the Town \$75,000 toward the project.

We are pleased to report that the project has been successfully completed, and the Town of Waynesville's Comprehensive System Plan has been officially adopted. Even more positively, the project was completed significantly under the original projected budget. Following a final review of the project expenses, the Town determined that the total project cost was \$100,000, compared to the original estimated cost of \$205,050. This resulted in savings of \$105,050 from the original project estimate.

In light of the reduced final project cost, the Town of Waynesville respectfully requests that the TDA considers revising the grant award to \$50,000, based on a 1:1 match of the final project cost. Under this request, TDA would provide \$50,000 in grant funding, with the Town of Waynesville providing a \$50,000 match.

The Town understands that this represents a significant change from the original project budget and recognizes that the requested revised grant amount will require consideration and approval by the TDA Council. We respectfully ask that the Council consider this request as part of the upcoming agenda.

We greatly appreciate TDA's support throughout this project and the investment made in the Town of Waynesville. This grant has been a tremendous resource in helping us move this important project forward and successfully bring the Town's Comprehensive System Plan to completion.

Thank you again for your consideration and continued support of the Town of Waynesville.

Sincerely,

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